

Torrance, California
March 29, 1949

MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in an Adjourned Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday, March 29, 1949, at 8:15 p.m.

Mayor Sherfey called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. Absent: Councilmen: None.

All those present in the Council Chamber saluted the Flag.

This being an adjourned meeting, the regular order of business was dispensed with.

Mayor Sherfey announced that this is the time for awarding contract for the construction of a sanitary sewer in the Walteria District.

A communication from City Manager Stevens was read advising that he has checked the bids for the construction of a sanitary sewer in the Walteria District, and Wucetich Construction was found to be the low bidder. He also stated that this organization, which has been highly recommended by the Engineering Departments of the City and County of Los Angeles, as well as the County Sanitation District, has the experience and equipment to carry on the work. Therefore, he recommended that the contract be awarded to Wucetich Construction, the lowest responsible bidder, in the sum of \$134,554.96, and that all other bids be rejected.

Councilman Powell moved that the letter from City Manager Stevens recommending that the contract be awarded to Wucetich Construction, be received and filed for future reference. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1965

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AWARDED THE CONTRACT FOR IMPROVING THE PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY AND CERTAIN OTHER STREETS IN SAID CITY, KNOWN AS THE "WALTERIA SEWER DISTRICT", BY THE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION THEREIN OF A SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM AND APPURTENANT WORK; AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO PUBLISH A NOTICE OF SAID AWARD.

Councilman Powell moved that further reading of Resolution No. 1965 be dispensed with. Councilman Haggard seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Powell moved that Resolution No. 1965 be adopted. Councilman Haggard seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication, signed by Paul H. Perry, Pastor, Torrance Christian Assembly and Arthur P. Pedersen, Pastor, Torrance Four-square Church, was read asking to rent the Civic Auditorium for the purpose of conducting a series of union evangelistic meetings,

beginning Sunday, April 10th and continuing through Sunday April 24th, with the exception of Fridays, April 15th and 22nd.

Councilman Powell moved that the request for rental of the Civic Auditorium, for the purpose of conducting evangelistic meetings, be granted. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication from Torrance Lodge No. 785, Loyal Order of Moose, was read requesting donation of the Civic Auditorium Sunday evening, April 24, 1949, at 8:00 p.m., for the purpose of their annual installation of officers, which will be open to the public, with no admission charge.

It was suggested that Mr. Palmer, a member of the Lodge, contact the City Clerk to determine if the Auditorium is available some other night.

A communication from The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company was read enclosing application for a franchise for a track across Lomita Boulevard in the City of Torrance; said track to be an extension of the existing oil spur, and is to be constructed to serve the National Electric Products Corporation.

Councilman Powell moved that the City Attorney be authorized to draw up the necessary franchise ordinance to vacate that right-of-way, and to incorporate in the ordinance the installation of a wigwag signal at the Lomita Boulevard intersection, the ordinance to be ready for presentation at the next Council meeting to be held April 5, 1949.

There then followed some discussion with regard to placing signals at other intersections by the Santa Fe Railway Company, Councilman Drale suggesting that the ordinance also include the installation of a signal at Torrance Boulevard.

City Attorney Smith informed Councilman Drale that it would not be proper to include such a request in the franchise ordinance, but that the establishment of additional signals should be incorporated in a separate action; however, he said that the granting of a franchise ordinance should be contingent upon the Santa Fe Railway Company putting in a wigwag signal at Lomita Boulevard.

Councilman Powell withdrew his motion.

Councilman Powell moved that the City Attorney be authorized to prepare the necessary ordinance granting to the Santa Fe Railway Company a franchise for a track across Lomita Boulevard in the City of Torrance, with the provision that the granting of the franchise be contingent upon the railway company installing a wigwag signal at the Lomita Boulevard intersection. Councilman Haggard seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication, addressed to Mayor J. Hugh Sherfey, Jr. from Earle V. Grover, President, Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, was read with reference to enabling legislation, Assembly Bill 2023, "Metropolitan Rapid Transit District Act", the enactment of which, said the writer, is the fundamental step in arriving at a means of providing adequate mass transportation, and urging the City Council to take affirmative action in this regard.

Mayor Sherfey explained that the City Council recently adopted a resolution opposing the proposed "Rail Rapid Transit Act" and moved that the communication be filed for future reference and that a copy of Assembly Bill No. 2023 be given to City Manager Stevens for study. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1966

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THE FORM AND SUBSTANCE AND RATIFYING EACH AND EVERY PROVISION OF THAT AS YET UNEXECUTED "AGREEMENT FOR THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTIES, RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS REQUIRED FOR PUBLIC STREET PURPOSES IN CONNECTION WITH THE OPENING AND WIDENING OF WESTERN AVENUE BETWEEN 182ND STREET AND 190TH STREET, ALSO FOR OPENING, WIDENING, EXTENDING, LAYING OUT AND IMPROVING WESTERN AVENUE BETWEEN TORRANCE BOULEVARD AND A POINT APPROXIMATELY 2300 FEET SOUTHERLY OF SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD", ALL LYING AND BEING WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, AS DELINEATED AND DESCRIBED IN SAID UNEXECUTED AGREEMENT, SAME BEING BETWEEN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, AND THE CITY OF TORRANCE, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE CITY; AGREEING TO THE IMPOSITION OF THE CONTINGENT LIABILITIES SET FORTH AND DESCRIBED IN ARTICLES I AND II THEREOF; AND BY REFERENCE HERETO MADE A PART OF THIS RESOLUTION, TO ALL INTENTS AND PURPOSES AS IF THE SAME WERE HERE AND NOW SET FORTH IN THIS RESOLUTION VERBATIM.

Councilman Drale moved that further reading of Resolution No. 1966 be dispensed with. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Drale moved that Resolution No. 1966 be adopted. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1967

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT DEED AND AGREEMENT OVER A PORTION OF LOT "F" OF PALOS VERDES PARTITION OF 1882 EXECUTED NOVEMBER 15, 1948, BY EMIL KETTLER, JR., ET AL, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO ACCEPT SAID DOCUMENTS FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THIS CITY; AGREEING TO THE IMPOSITION OF EACH AND EVERY OF THE CONDITIONS EXPRESSLY SET FORTH IN THAT CERTAIN LETTER DATED JANUARY 19, 1949, FROM E. KETTLER ESTATE, SIGNED BY J. E. KETTLER.

Councilman Drale moved that further reading of Resolution No. 1967 be dispensed with. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Drale moved that Resolution No. 1967 be adopted. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1968

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING THAT CERTAIN CONDITIONAL ROAD DEED DATED OCTOBER 27, 1948, BY THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO ACCEPT SAID ROAD DEED ON BEHALF OF THE CITY; AND AGREEING TO THE IMPOSITION OF EACH AND EVERY OF THE CONDITIONS EXPRESSLY SET FORTH THEREIN.

Councilman Drale moved that further reading of Resolution No. 1968 be dispensed with. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Jackson moved that Resolution No. 1968 be adopted. Councilman Drale seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1969

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THE FORM AND SUBSTANCE OF THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT FOR JOINT USE DATED AS OF THE 14TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1949, BY SHELL OIL COMPANY, INCORPORATED, A CORPORATION; RATIFYING EACH AND EVERY PROVISION OF SAME AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE; AGREEING TO THE IMPOSITION OF THE CONTINGENT LIABILITIES SET FORTH AND DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPHS 2 AND 3 THEREOF; AND BY REFERENCE THERETO MADE A PART OF THIS RESOLUTION, TO ALL INTENTS AND PURPOSES AS IF THE SAME WERE HERE AND NOW SET FORTH IN THIS RESOLUTION VERBATIM.

Councilman Jackson moved that further reading of Resolution No. 1969 be dispensed with. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Jackson moved that Resolution No. 1969 be adopted. Councilman Drale seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1970

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THE FORM AND SUBSTANCE OF THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT FOR JOINT USE DATED THE 12TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1949, AND EXECUTED BY MONETA WATER COMPANY, A CORPORATION; RATIFYING EACH AND EVERY PROVISION OF SAME, AND AUTHORIZ-

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ING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO EXECUTE FOR AND ON BEHALF OF SAID CITY SAID AGREEMENT; AGREEING TO THE IMPOSITION OF THE CONTINGENT LIABILITIES SET FORTH AND DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPHS 1, 2 AND 3 THEREOF; AND BY REFERENCE HERETO MADE A PART OF THIS RESOLUTION, TO ALL INTENTS AND PURPOSES AS IF THE SAME WERE HERE AND NOW SET FORTH IN THIS RESOLUTION VERBATIM.

Councilman Powell moved that further reading of Resolution No. 1970 be dispensed with. Councilman Haggard seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Powell moved that Resolution No. 1970 be adopted. Councilman Haggard seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1971

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THE FORM AND SUBSTANCE OF THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT EXECUTED FEBRUARY 8, 1949, BY J. L. AND GLADYS O'DONNELL; ACCEPTING PARTIAL RECONVEYANCE FOR EASEMENT PURPOSES ONLY FROM SECURITY FIRST NATIONAL BANK; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO ACCEPT SAID DOCUMENTS FOR AND ON BEHALF OF SAID CITY.

Councilman Drale moved that further reading of Resolution No. 1971 be dispensed with. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Drale moved that Resolution No. 1971 be adopted. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

City Clerk presented for first and final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 452

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT PUBLIC INTEREST, CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY REQUIRE THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTIES, RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS FOR PUBLIC STREET PURPOSES IN CONNECTION WITH THE WIDENING AND LAYING OUT OF WESTERN AVENUE BETWEEN ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-SECOND STREET AND ONE HUNDRED NINETIETH STREET, ALSO FOR THE OPENING, WIDENING, EXTENDING AND LAYING OUT OF WESTERN AVENUE BETWEEN TORRANCE BOULEVARD AND A POINT APPROXIMATELY 2300 FEET SOUTHERLY OF SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD, IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AND AUTHORIZING AND EMPOWERING THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES TO CONDEMN, IN THE NAME OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTIES, RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL LIMITS OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

City Attorney Smith explained that there is an urgency existing because of the time limit by which the City of Los Angeles has to commence actual construction of the continuation of Western Avenue, and inasmuch as their laws require that such matters be passed by ordinance, he had, at the request of the City of Los Angeles, added an urgency clause to the ordinance.

Councilman Powell moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 452 be waived. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Powell moved that Ordinance No. 452 be adopted for first and final reading. Councilman Haggard seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented for first reading and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 453

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 14 OF ORDINANCE
NO. 316 OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Powell moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 453 be dispensed with. Councilman Haggard seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Powell moved that Ordinance No. 453 be adopted for first reading. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication from City Manager Stevens was read submitting the following recommendations for the Council's consideration and approval:

PERSONNEL:

1. That Paul F. Brogden, having successfully passed the Civil Service examination, be appointed to serve his probationary term as Bus Operator, effective March 26, 1949, and that his compensation be at the rate of \$221.00 per month.

APPROPRIATIONS:

1. For the resurfacing of portions of Border Avenue and Via Monte D'Oro by the Griffith Company, the sum of \$8,515.34. (From County Aid Funds)
2. For the resurfacing of Border Avenue from Torrance Boulevard to Plaza del Amo by the Griffith Company, the sum of \$13,880.72. (From State Gas Tax Funds)
3. That the California Water Service Company be authorized to install twelve (12) fire hydrants in the Hollywood Riviera and Seaside Ranchos area, as recommended by the Fire Chief.

Councilman Drale moved that the Council concur in the recommendations of City Manager Stevens. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

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Councilman Drale referred to the awarding of contract for the construction of the Walteria Sanitary Sewer, it being his opinion that a local bidder should be given some consideration, even though it was not the lowest bid.

Mayor Sherfey explained that City Manager Stevens has given this matter careful consideration, but according to the Act of 1911 the contract must be awarded to the lowest bidder, unless the man is not qualified, and in this case the low bidder was found to be well qualified and highly recommended for his work.

Councilman Jackson moved that Collins-Dietrich Air Services, Inc. be awarded contract for the management of the Torrance Municipal Airport in accordance with their bid. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale and Haggard. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

In reply to Councilman Drale's inquiry regarding the status of the management of the Municipal Airfield, City Attorney Smith informed him that the motion carried as there was a majority vote.

Councilman Powell moved that the City Attorney be requested to draft an ordinance establishing a Recreation Commission for the City of Torrance; that the Recreation Commission shall consist of seven or more members appointed by the Mayor, with the concurrence of the City Council; that it shall be the duty of the Recreation Commission to aid and assist in the Planning of recreational areas, leadership and facilities; that in addition to the above, there shall be a permanent chairman and secretary, appointed by the Commissioner of Recreation, but these men shall have no voting power; and that the members of the Recreation Commission shall serve without pay. The Budget Committee of the Recreation Commission shall be composed of the City Manager, the Director of Recreation, a member of the Recreation Commission, and a member of the City Council. Councilman Drale seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Powell moved that the City Attorney be instructed to draft an ordinance banning the sale of fireworks within the City of Torrance, in concurrence with the recommendations of the Fire Chief and Police Chief. Councilman Haggard seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Sherfey moved that before issuing a license for any business which is not enumerated in Business License Ordinance No. 381, or for any business of a questionable character, the City Clerk be instructed to refer such matters to the Council for recommendation. Councilman Haggard seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Haggard moved that all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN:

At 8:53 p.m., on motion by Councilman Powell, seconded ^{by} ~~the~~ Councilman Haggard, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned to April 5, 1949 at 8:00 p.m.

APPROVED:

John H. Sherfey
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

A. H. Bartholomew
CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE